

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 384

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Brent Cowan on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's young people face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this country's finest assets, providing youth with an educational program that contributes to their character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Brent Cowan, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Brent is the son of Lynn and Joyce Cowan, the grandson of Sybil Webb, and the brother of Chandler Cowan, and is a student at Morristown West High School, where he is respected as a student leader and has demonstrated his considerable skills; and

WHEREAS, Brent Cowan has demonstrated a continuing love of music. In elementary school, he played piano and trumpet and, in the sixth grade, he placed first in the tuba presentation with the Tennessee Music Educators' Association. The following year, he received the Outstanding Seventh Grade Music Student Certificate of Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Brent qualified for the Symphonic Band in middle school and performed parts in musical skits. He received the Band Director's Award in the eighth grade and in high school he has earned three band credits -- two in the marching band and one in the concert band. Brent also participated in a band competition in Canada in which the band placed second; and

WHEREAS, Brent's commitment to education has won him four perfect attendance awards and two good citizenship awards. While in the sixth grade, he visited Washington, D.C., as a Beta Club member; and

WHEREAS, Brent Cowan has not neglected the realm of sports, having played T-Ball for three years, soccer for one year and football for one year. In elementary school, he received first place and various other ribbons for Field Day events; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 290 includes 30 Merit Badges and distinguished service as Senior Patrol Leader, Member of the Order of the Arrow, Den Chief of a Cub Scout troop, and receiving the Arrow of Light award. He also judged the Pinebox Derby and served twice as Color Guard captain on Scout Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Brent's Eagle Scout project involved clearing weeds and undergrowth from around the fire hydrants of the Alpha/Talbott utility district and repainting the hydrants; his work greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, he also evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Kidwell's Ridge Baptist Church. He has been involved in Christmas plays, Vacation Bible School, and youth Sunday and has attended two church camps; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his participation in church plays, Brent acted in the community Theater Guild's play, "All the Way Home" at age ten; and

WHEREAS, Brent Cowan plans to continue his progress in music and to further his education in college with the goal of working in telecommunications; he will apply the lessons

and outlook learned in scouting and in earning the rank of Eagle Scout to his pursuit of those goals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Brent Cowan as one of the most impressive young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Brent Cowan on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.